



American Academy of Sleep Medicine

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine Young Investigator Research Forum

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine announces its 4th offering of a Young Investigator Research Forum to be held in April, 2012 at the NIH Natcher Conference Center, Bethesda, Maryland. The Forum is designed to aid the career development of promising young investigators in clinical and translational sleep research. Successful applicants will be selected based on past research productivity and future promise. Travel and lodging expenses will be paid up to a maximum of \$1,200 dollars per selected attendee.

The Forum will provide an opportunity for collegial interaction with established senior investigators across the broad spectrum of clinical sleep research as well as NIH scientific and program officers. The ratio of faculty to students will be approximately one to three. The Forum will consist of didactic presentations, workshops and small group sessions, covering study design, presentation skills, grantsmanship, a mock grant review, and the mentor-mentee relationship. The Young Investigator attendees will also make a presentation of their research.

PURPOSE:

There is a projected future shortage of clinical sleep researchers, and research funding is difficult to obtain. This retreat is aimed at providing guidance, tactics and strategies to help improve the chances of achieving a successful career in clinical sleep research. The aims are:

1. To foster the pursuit of clinical research in sleep medicine by junior faculty and fellows training in sleep medicine.
2. To disseminate vital information required for pursuing a career in research.
3. To serve as a primer for obtaining grant funding.
4. An opportunity to network and establish extramural research mentorship.

APPLICATION DUE DATE:	Friday, December 2, 2011
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:	20
RESEARCH FORUM DATES AND LOCATION:	2 day meeting on April 11-13, 2012 NIH Natcher Conference Center Bethesda, Maryland
APPLICATION FORMAT:	1. BIOSKETCH – NIH Format 2. Research Abstract – SLEEP Format* 3. Letter Stating Career Goals – 1 Page**
APPLICATION SUBMISSION:	Email all application materials to: ncekosh@aasmnet.org
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*Abstract word limit is 250 words. The components of this format are: Study Objectives, Methods, Results, and Conclusions. Please do not submit abstracts that do not have results derived from data-analysis.

** Candidate's letter should contain the following: background, future goals & objectives, and mentoring plan (with emphasis on goals and objectives)

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The Forum is open to young investigators (clinical fellows, postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty) who are actively engaged and planning to continue a career in clinical or translational sleep research. Applicants must have an advanced degree (MD, DO, PhD or equivalent) and be a member of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. Applications must be received no later than **December 2, 2011**. Applications must be sent electronically to ncekosh@aasmnet.org and must include a one to two page Biosketch using NIH style, a one-page research abstract in SLEEP format and a one page letter outlining the applicant's goals for a career in sleep research. The abstract should present recent work by the applicant but actual findings must be reported. Applications will be reviewed and 20 applicants selected for the Forum by a panel including members of the AASM Research Committee. Applicants will be informed of the decision of the panel by January 13, 2012.